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1. During late August 1953 the Chuchou (N 27-53, E 113-06) Arsenal was ordered by the Revolutionary Military Council to devote part of the arsenal's facilities to the manufacture of small arms, including small-calibre machine guns, and machine gun ammunition for shipment to the DRV.¹

2. During the fall of 1953 the Chinese Communists will probably take the following measures in relation to the DRV:²

- Military aid will be increased.
- Commodities in sufficient quantity to stabilize DRV commodity prices will be furnished.
- The Chinese Communists will assist the DRV in its political, military, industrial, and educational programs.
- Two or three Chinese Communist armies will be stationed near the Indo-china border.
- The Chinese Communists will refrain from direct participation in the war in Indochina.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comments

1. Available information indicates that the arsenal at Chuchou was producing only small arms ammunition and hand grenades in 1948. [REDACTED] 25X1A [REDACTED] reported that in late 1952 the Chuchou Arsenal was producing light infantry weapons, bazookas, and 60-mm. mortars. See also [REDACTED] which reported that the Chuchou Arsenal was producing arms for a new Hunan public security division in September 1952. 25X1A

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